

GRANT RECIPIENT LAKE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

YEAR 2010

COUNTY LAKE

CATEGORYLAND ACQUISITION

GRANT AWARD \$73,000

Local Share \$73,000



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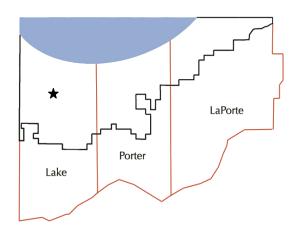




Sammons Acquisition At Oak Ridge Prairie

Oak Ridge Prairie County Park acquired 27.6 acres, which is now the Northeast corner of the park, under the Sammons Acquisition. This acquisition linked Oak Ridge Prairie with the Oak Savannah Trail Corridor to the north. This property has been in the Lake County Parks Open Space Plan for the past 30 years as a priority acquisition.

This 27.6 acre parcel is made up of 8 acres of dry mesic sand forest and 19.6 acres of marsh and shrub swamp. This site demonstrates a thriving mix between upland and wetland areas with native plant communities similar to neighboring Oak Ridge Prairie. It is also an ecological corridor for native species passing between habitats north and south.



RESULT: Eight acres of dry mesic sand forest and 19.6 acres of marsh and shrub swamp acquired at Oak Ridge Prairie.